



# **Request for Proposals**

**All Source Request for Proposals for Generation**

**Capacity and Market Products**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

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## 1.1. Description of KEPCo

Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo), headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, was incorporated in 1975 as a not-for-profit generation and transmission cooperative (G&T). It is KEPCo's responsibility to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power to its 17 electric distribution cooperative members. Collectively, KEPCo's members serve more than 77,000 consumer-members, representing nearly 200,000 rural Kansans across approximately two-thirds of the state. KEPCo's power supply resources include 74 MW of owned generation from Wolf Creek Generating Station, 32 MW of owned generation from Iatan 2 Generating Plant, 20 MW of owned generation from Sharpe Generating Station, hydro allocations consisting of 100 MW from the Southwestern Power Administration and 13 MW from the Western Area Power Administration, 1 MW of owned generation from Prairie Sky Solar Farm, and partial requirement power purchases from regional utilities.

## 1.2. Background and Purpose of RFP

KEPCo is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit offers from interested parties (Respondents) in order to secure capacity that could include generation and/or storage projects through ownership, power purchase agreements (PPAs), or a combination thereof, with a Commercial Operation Date (COD) on or before **May 31, 2032**. All submitted project offers must interconnect within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) service territory.

## 1.3. Questions and Communications

Any questions or inquiries related to this RFP or the submission of a proposal (Proposal) shall be submitted in writing to KEPCo no later than **March 20, 2026**, to the email address: [KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org](mailto:KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org). Answers to any questions will be directly supplied to all Respondents who have submitted a Notice of Intent to Bid.

## 1.4. RFP Milestone Dates

Major milestones for this RFP are listed below. KEPCo reserves the right to modify any milestone at any time or terminate the RFP at its sole discretion.

**Table 1: RFP Milestone Dates**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Issue RFP	March 4, 2026
Submit Appendix A Notice of Intent to Bid	March 18, 2026
Submit Questions to KEPCo	March 20, 2026
Pre-bid Conference	March 25, 2026
Submit Appendix B Confidentiality Agreement (optional)	After March 25, 2026
Submit Appendix C Proposals (Bids)	April 30, 2026
Short List Selection	May 29, 2026
Commercial Negotiations	Late Q2 2026
Latest COD	May, 2032

## 1.5. Submission Instructions

In order to be eligible to submit a Proposal, Respondents must submit a Notice of Intent to Bid (Appendix A) by **March 18, 2026**, as listed in Table 1 above. Respondents must provide electronic copies of their Proposal(s) to KEPCo no later than 5:00 PM Central Prevailing Time (CPT) on **April 30, 2026** (Appendix C). Electronic copies shall be sent to the following email address: [KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org](mailto:KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org)

## 1.6. Pre-Bid Conference

A virtual pre-bid conference will be held on **March 25th at 9:00 AM CPT**. Respondent attendance is highly encouraged. Respondents may request details, submit questions, and sign up for the conference by sending an email to: [KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org](mailto:KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org). A Teams meeting invite for the pre-bid conference will be sent out by **March 20, 2026**, to Respondents that have submitted a Notice of Intent to Bid. Once the pre-bid conference is complete, questions and answers will be provided in an email to all Respondents.

## **1.7. Confidentiality Agreement**

If a Respondent requires a Confidentiality Agreement to provide project details, review Attachment B and return to KEPCo after the March 25, 2026, pre-bid conference with requested edits, if needed.

## **1.8. No Obligation to Continue Project or Accept Any Proposal**

This RFP does not constitute an offer of any kind, including an offer to enter into any contract, and is merely a request for the Respondent to submit information. KEPCo may decline to accept any or all Proposals. KEPCo's issuance of this RFP does not constitute any commitment by KEPCo to move forward with any proposed resource, and KEPCo may cancel and withdraw this RFP at any time.

## 2. PROJECT SUMMARY

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This RFP is designed to evaluate and potentially procure capacity from technology to ensure that final selection of the most economically feasible and reliable resource portfolio is obtained to serve KEPCo for a minimum five-year term, including but not limited to:

- Wind
- Solar PV
- Standalone Energy Storage Systems
- Energy Storage Systems partnered with other generation assets
- Conventional gas-fired generation resources such as Combined Cycle, Combustion Turbines, and Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines
- Equipment Only (see Section 2.5 below)
- Other Technologies not listed above

### 2.1 Project Size

All Respondents are asked to provide Proposals of new build generation, storage project(s), PPAs, or a combination thereof, with a nameplate rating not less than 10 MW each. The upper limit on nameplate rating for project submissions in aggregate should be approximately 125 MW.

### 2.2 Commercial Operation Date (COD)

New build project Proposals must have a COD of on or before **May 31, 2032**, but can be submitted with a COD prior to that date. PPA offers can commence prior to May 31, 2032, but must have a termination date on or after June 1, 2037.

### 2.3 Submittal Location

This RFP requires all Proposals for projects to be located within the SPP service territory. All proposals in response to this RFP must have the capability of being registered by KEPCo as a Resource with SPP for use as a Network Resource with the SPP Integrated Marketplace and to satisfy Resource Adequacy (SPP Tariff Attachment AA) requirements. Proposal information submitted with Appendix C must include identification of proposed interconnection points and status of the

generation interconnection agreement (e.g., interconnection status in SPP queue, upgrade costs currently assigned, etc.). Additionally, resources located in the proposed “Central Deliverability Area” of SPP’s Tariff and eligible for the “Expedited Designation” process will be given priority consideration.

## **2.4 Multiple Proposals**

KEPCo is open to Respondents’ creativity in providing a combination of Proposals for different assets, so long as they meet the intent of the RFP. KEPCo will consider options submitted even if Proposals do not strictly adhere to the requirements listed above.

## **2.5 Equipment Only**

Equipment-only Proposals will be accepted. Equipment-only submissions must include a complete and accurate listing of all equipment covered by the Proposal. It is encouraged to include a supplemental listing of all equipment and services required to achieve commercial operation but not included as part of the Proposal.

## **3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION, CONTENT, AND FORMAT**

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### **3.1 RFP Responses**

Respondents interested in participating in any of KEPCo's requested resources are required to submit a Proposal. A Proposal comprises a Proposal Document in .pdf format, including but not limited to the following items:

- Executive Summary
- Completed Proposal(s) (Appendix C)
- Environmental and Local Permitting
- Site and Project Information/Layout
- Reliability and Technical Specifications
- Preliminary Production Estimates (including 8,760 models as applicable)
- Environmental Studies
- Interconnection Studies
- Project/Construction Schedule
- Operation and Maintenance Offerings
- Decommission Studies

### **3.2 Proposal Submission Deadline**

An electronic copy of each Proposal shall be submitted to KEPCo's email, [KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org](mailto:KEPCoAllSourceRFP@kepco.org), by no later than 5:00 PM CPT on **April 30, 2026** (the Proposal submission deadline).

### **3.3 Preparation and Submission Expenses**

KEPCo is not liable for any expenses incurred by a Respondent in the preparation and submission of a Proposal.

## 4. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

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KEPCo will utilize evaluation criteria to perform a comparative analysis of all Proposals submitted prior to the Proposal submission deadline, which are valid, have been cured of any deficiencies, and have not been withdrawn.

### 4.1 Evaluation Criteria

KEPCo will evaluate each Proposal in a consistent manner by separately evaluating price and qualitative factors. Price factors will recognize the value of the power associated with the delivery profile submitted in the Proposal, as well as the capacity needs filled by any proposed resource. The information submitted through Appendix C, the Proposal form, will be used as inputs in the pricing model. Respondents to this solicitation should provide all relevant information necessary to conduct a thorough analysis of their Proposal(s). The Respondent should clearly explain the pricing to be able to evaluate the total price under the terms of the Proposal(s). Proposals will be analyzed over a range of scenarios defined by price and non-price variables.

Respondents are advised that price will be an important consideration in the evaluation; however, Proposals will also be compared and evaluated on non-price or qualitative criteria. Therefore, the lowest price submittal may not be selected. The Proposal should include sufficient detail to evaluate all fixed and variable charges associated with the Proposal.

In evaluating Proposals, KEPCo's evaluation and weighting criteria will be guided and influenced by the collective application of the following evaluation principles. The price, economic benefits, and non-price evaluations will be added together and used to determine an initial shortlist. The initial shortlist in this RFP will be made up of the highest scoring Proposals.

### 4.2 Evaluation of Shortlisted Proposals

In the second stage of scoring, Respondents whose Proposals have been shortlisted will be asked to submit further details regarding their projects in the form of a Shortlist Q&A Log. This stage provides Respondents the opportunity to consider further development of the project as well as provide additional

information to differentiate their Proposal. The information requested will allow KEPCo to evaluate the alignment of submitted Proposals with the aforementioned categories in greater detail in one complete set of specifications. Respondents also will have the opportunity to refresh their offers to reflect further project development, updated pricing for equipment, or other costs from the time the initial Proposal was submitted to the time of "best and final" offer. Respondents are encouraged to lower their pricing or look for opportunities to enhance their production profiles (based, for example, on changes to equipment) and other means to increase the value of their Proposals to KEPCo.

### **4.3 Final Shortlist**

KEPCo may choose to engage the final shortlist Respondents in further discussions or negotiations. Any such discussions or negotiations may be terminated by KEPCo at any time, for any reason or no reason.

### **4.4 Post-Bid Negotiations**

KEPCo may further negotiate both price and contract terms and conditions during post-bid negotiations. Post-bid negotiations will be based on KEPCo's cost and value assessment. KEPCo will continually update its economic and risk evaluations until both parties execute a definitive agreement acceptable to KEPCo or the negotiations are terminated. Transactions may be subject to approval of terms and conditions that are satisfactory to KEPCo in its sole discretion.

Any negotiated contract between KEPCo and Respondent will be conditioned upon approval or acceptance without substantial change by all regulatory authorities that have jurisdiction over any or all of the subject matter of this solicitation. Approval must be granted in a form and substance acceptable to KEPCo in its sole discretion.

### **4.5 Confidentiality**

All materials and Proposals submitted for inclusion in this RFP process will become the property of KEPCo and will be used as part of its Proposal evaluation. KEPCo will take reasonable precautions and use reasonable efforts to protect any proprietary and confidential information contained in a Proposal provided that

such information is clearly identified by Respondent as "Proprietary and Confidential" on the header section of the page on which proprietary and confidential information appears. Such information may be made available under applicable state or federal law to regulatory commission(s), their staff(s), or other governmental agencies having an interest in these matters without prior consultation or notice to Respondents. KEPCo also reserves the right to release such information to its agents or contractors for the purpose of evaluating Respondents' Proposals, and such agents or contractors will be required to observe the same care with respect to disclosure as KEPCo. Under no circumstances will KEPCo or their agents or contractors be liable for any damages resulting from any disclosure during or after the solicitation process.

Respondents are advised that Proposals could be the subject matter of discovery in state or federal regulatory or judicial proceedings, including those initiated by a party other than KEPCo. Discovery in these cases is routinely restricted by confidentiality agreements and standard protective orders issued by the regulatory agency; however, if required by order, KEPCo may disclose proprietary and confidential information in the course of such proceeding as required by law without further notice to Respondent.

#### **4.6 Reservation of Rights**

KEPCo will review and evaluate the Proposals and may negotiate with multiple Respondents, which may lead to the development of one or more agreements. KEPCo reserves the right, without qualification and in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all Proposals for any reason without explanation to Respondent, or to make an award to the Respondent who, in the opinion of KEPCo, will provide the most value to KEPCo and its members. KEPCo will consider price, economic benefit, and non-price attributes in the evaluation of Proposals (please see Sections 4.1-4.4). KEPCo reserves the right to make an award to an offer other than the lowest price offer or the Proposal evidencing the greatest technical ability if KEPCo determines that to do so would result in the greatest overall value to KEPCo and its members. KEPCo may make an award of contract without further discussion at any time in the RFP process. KEPCo reserves the right to reject any, all, or portions of the Proposals received for failure to meet any criteria set forth in this RFP. KEPCo makes no guarantee that a contract award will result from this RFP. KEPCo may decline to enter into an arrangement with any or all Respondents or may revise or terminate the RFP process at any time. KEPCo

reserves the right to revise the capacity needs forecast at any point during the RFP process or during negotiations, and any such change may reduce, eliminate, or increase the amount of capacity or power sought. KEPCo reserves the unilateral right to waive any technical or format requirements contained in the RFP. KEPCo will review and may utilize all information, if any, submitted by Respondent that is not specifically requested as a part of this RFP. Those who submit Proposals do so without recourse against KEPCo for either rejection of their Proposal(s) or for failure to execute an agreement for any reason. All offers shall be valid and binding upon Respondent through contract negotiations and contract execution.

#### **4.7 RFP Attachments**

Attachment A: Notice of Intent to Bid Form

Attachment B: Confidentiality Agreement

Attachment C: Proposal Form